

REMARKS

This response is being submitted after a telephonic interview with the Examiner. In the telephonic interview, the Applicant and the Examiner discussed claim 1-5 and 11-19. Claim amendments were not discussed, however, the submission of the declaration under Rule 132 was discussed. Such a declaration accompanies this response.

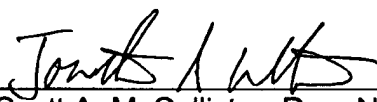
In this response, claim 13 has been amended to include the limitation recited in previously presented claim 18. Furthermore, a Rule 132 Declaration also accompanies this response. The Rule 132 Declaration is being provided even though Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's obviousness rejections. The submission of the Declaration is not an admission as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejection.

The claim amendment and the Rule 132 response are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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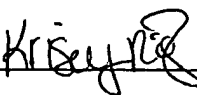


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